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Guillaume Lacroix, consul general of France in Chicago, presents World War II veteran Willis Bouma with the French Legion of Honor during a ceremony Wednesday at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell in St. Joseph.

Heroes in two countries

Local WWII veterans honored with French Legion of Honor medals

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Cpl. Patrick "Willis" Bouma and Staff Sgt. Clarence "Walter" Kronbetter stood at attention Wednesday when they received the highest honor that France has to offer.

However, by the end of the ceremony, it was the crowd of spectators who were left standing in appreciation.

The two World War II veterans were bestowed the French Legion of Honor by the French Consulate for their roles in the liberation of France from Nazi occupation. The ceremony was held at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell in St. Joseph on the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, the most destructive conflict the world has ever known.

Guillaume Lacroix, consul general of France in Chicago, referred to the two 95-year-old veterans as not only American heroes, but French liberators.

"What they did for us 76 years ago, changed our destiny forever. They changed the destiny of my country, the destiny of my people, and the destiny of my family," Lacroix said. "They say 2020 is a difficult year, but it's nothing compared to 1940 in France. Nothing."

The honor, first initiated in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is given to those who achieve remarkable deeds for France. Recipients are named by a decree that is signed by the president of the French Republic.

On Wednesday, Lacroix spoke of France's defeat to Germany and the disaster that followed.

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ABOVE: Lacroix embraces World War II veteran Clarence Kronbetter after presenting him with the French Legion of Honor on Wednesday.

LEFT: Reese Kronbetter, 2, of Las Vegas waves an American flag as her great-grandfather, World War II veteran Clarence Kronbetter, is honored for his service in the skies over France and Europe.

Depression, anxiety spike amid turbulent times

By LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

Mental health therapists' caseloads are bulging. Waiting lists for appointments are growing. And anxiety and depression are rising among Americans amid the coronavirus crisis, research suggests.

In the latest study to suggest an uptick, half of U.S. adults surveyed reported at least some signs of depression, such as hopelessness, feeling like a failure or getting little pleasure from doing things. That's double the rate from a different survey two years ago, Boston University researchers said Wednesday in the medical journal JAMA Network Open.

The study did not ask about any diagnosis they might have received, and for many people, the problem is mostly angst rather than full-blown psychiatric illness. But experts say the feeling is genuine and deserving of professional help.

For some people, it stems from lost loved ones and the financial distress and social isolation the outbreak has caused. Experts say Americans are also feeling anxiety over the racial and political upheaval of the past few months, though the BU study was conducted before the recent tumult.

"There is no question that many people in the U.S. and worldwide are experiencing real and often distressing emotional reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic and, in some cases, to contracting the virus," said psychiatrist Dr. Ronald Pies, a retired professor at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

The global outbreak has caused more than 850,000 deaths and almost 26 million confirmed infections. U.S. cases total 6 million, with about 185,000 deaths. The crisis has also thrown millions out of work, crippled the economy and forced shutdowns of bars, restaurants, theaters and gyms.

Calls from March through July to the U.S. government-funded Disaster Distress Helpline, which offers counseling and emotional support, surged 335 percent from the same period last year.

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Apparent murder case rattles friends and family

Kimberly Halstead was found dead at home on Aug. 19

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — As court proceedings get underway this month for a South Haven man charged with killing his wife in August, family and friends who knew the couple have expressed disbelief in the wake of the woman's death.

HALSTEAD

A probable cause conference that was scheduled for Wednesday in Seventh District Court for Randy Halstead Jr. has been postponed to Sept. 16, according to a district court clerk.

Halstead, 36, has been charged with one count of open murder in the death of his wife, 48-year-old Kimberly Halstead. Her death marks the first homicide in the city limits in a couple of decades.

The circumstances surrounding Kimberly Halstead's death unfolded at 11 p.m., Aug. 19, when South Haven police were called to the Halstead home on Pearl Street, on the report of an "unconscious female." When officers arrived they determined the woman had died and that foul play was suspected.

Since issuing a news release Aug. 20 regarding the alleged homicide, police have released no other information about the case, such as how Kimberly Halstead was killed or what the motive may have been.

Recent move

The couple had resided for most of their lives in Muncie, Ind., until about a year ago when they came to South Haven, relatives say.

Randy Halstead's sister, Melissa Halstead, who lives in Muncie, Ind., said she was "devastated" upon hearing word of her sister-in-law's death and her brother being charged with homicide.

"I feel like I'm in a nightmare I can't wake up from," said Melissa Halstead, in a phone interview Tuesday.

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Gov. Whitmer: Announcement on gyms and sports coming 'very soon'

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Wednesday she will make an announcement "very soon" on the reopening of gyms and clarifying the standing of high school and other youth sports, noting that she is aware many are anxious about their status amid the coronavirus pandemic.

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The governor has kept fitness centers, movie theaters, bowling alleys, ice skating rinks and similar businesses closed since March, except in much of northern Michigan, where they were allowed to reopen in June. She said she wants to "get the protocols correct" and "I think we've got an idea of what that looks like."

An announcement is expected as early as Thursday. Frustrated business owners have noted that their counterparts are now open in all but a few states, while Whitmer has contended that her approach has contributed to Michigan being in strong position with COVID-19 relative to the rest of the

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Debra Moore sanitizes her workspace during primary Election Day on Aug. 4 in Detroit. All poll workers were wearing protective face shields or masks while routinely sanitizing the surfaces of the voting precinct, Pasteur Elementary School in Detroit.

State, city collaborate to deter poll problems in Detroit

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — The state will work with Detroit election officials to ensure that problems encountered during the recent primary are not repeated to catastrophic effect during the Nov. 3 general election, the city clerk and secretary of state announced Wednesday.

The number of counted absentee ballots in the August primary didn't match the tally recorded in poll books in more than 70 percent of precincts. City Clerk Janice Winfrey, who oversees elections in Detroit, said that discrepancy could be attributed to a number of factors including: a record number of mail-in ballots; new and inexperienced workers; and training that was delayed due to the stay-at-home order imposed in March because of the coronavirus.

After the primary, Michigan's canvassing board, which certifies statewide elections, asked the Secretary of State's office to take control of Detroit's elections in November.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said in a statement that her office would work with Winfrey to "ensure she has all the support she needs as her team prepares for the culmination of one of the most challenging election cycles in modern history."

Detroit received about 79,900 mail-in ballots for the primary, in which total voter turnout was less than half of what's expected in November.

Absentee voting is being encouraged by many states. President Donald Trump has claimed – without proof – that it could lead to massive fraud, even though he himself votes by mail.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
3-5-5
Midday Daily 4
3-9-2-1
Daily 3
5-7-7
Daily 4
8-9-6-8
Fantasy 5
03-04-11-29-30
Keno
03-06-08-11-16-21-25-27-32-42-45-46-47-48-51-57-58-62-69-70-74-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$78 million
Powerball jackpot
$56 million

Tuesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
22-25-31-36-42
Estimated jackpot
$188,000
Cash4Life
26-29-30-33-36, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
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9-4-2-5, SB: 9
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Mega Millions
15-25-26-38-47, Mega Ball: 22, Megaplier: 4

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
14-19-28-32-37
Estimated jackpot
$950,000
Pick Three-Midday
9-0-7, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
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75th anniversary of end of WWII is mostly virtual amid pandemic

By CALEB JONES
Associated Press

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A U.S. Marine stands in front of the USS Missouri during a ceremony to mark the 78th anniversary of the Japanese attack, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 2019. Some veterans and government officials will gather on the Missouri on Wednesday, to mark the 75th anniversary of the surrender.

HONOLULU — When Japanese military leaders climbed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, the battleship was packed with U.S. sailors eager to see the end of World War II.

On Wednesday, the 75th anniversary of the surrender, some of those same men who served the United States weren't able to return to the Missouri in Hawaii's Pearl Harbor because of the world's new war against the coronavirus.

The commemoration initially was supposed to be a blockbuster event with parades, movie premieres, galas and thousands of people honoring the veterans in their 90s or beyond, some who may be marking the milestone for the last time.

Because of the threat of the virus, the ceremony was scaled down to about 50 people, with local veterans and government officials gathering on the USS Missouri in masks. The names were read of surviving WWII veterans, including 14 who were on the ship the day the Japanese surrendered.

Jerry Pedersen, 95, was one of them, watching history unfold as a young Marine. He and his comrades who live in the mainland U.S. had to watch a livestream of the ceremony from home instead of on the decks of the battleship as planned.

"Well, I was very disappointed, yes. I was hoping to maybe see a friend or two," he said. "I just want to share with at least my family and a couple of other folks some of the feelings that I was going to express when I got there."

Those feelings are complicated, said Pedersen, who dedicated his life to peace after the war ended.

"War must not happen again," he said, recalling the words uttered by Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the day the Japanese surrendered. But "we're still oscillating on many of the things that are necessary to bring us peace."

Pedersen wore a blue Marine uniform recently sent to him for the ceremony as he watched the event from a laptop at his son's house in rural West Sacramento, California. His three adult children, their spouses and some grandchildren gathered around the computer, clapping and hooting when his name was called. Pedersen smiled and gave a fist pump.

"For me, it was the end of the killing, the war that had taken millions of soldiers and many, many, many millions of civilians in wars in Europe and finally in the Pacific that came to an end that day. And we were celebrating," he told The Associated Press.

"I had the feeling that day. I made a pact with myself that I'm going to be a peacemaker in my life," said Pedersen, who went to college after the war, got his doctorate and became a minister.

He watched remotely as WWII-era "warbirds" flew over Pearl Harbor and video messages played from veterans and others in a tribute to those who couldn't attend or had passed away.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said he was honored to "commemorate and reflect on the sacrifices and victories of our service members and allies who helped fight for and secure peace."

At the end of his keynote address, he built a case for a strong military for the future.

"We honor the legacy of those who came before us and recommit ourselves to defending today's international rules and norms so that the road is safer and is better for generations yet to come," Esper said. "The United States' commitment to the role today is the same one we made to the freedom-loving people of the world in 1941 – that we will remain ready to fight any foe and defend any friend."

The U.S. entered the war after Japanese warplanes attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Thousands of service members were killed and wounded, about half of them dying on the USS Arizona, which still sits submerged in Pearl Harbor next to the USS Missouri Memorial, a floating museum.

Four years later, after massive losses on both sides that included the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Japanese indicated they would surrender on Aug. 15, then met with Allied forces aboard the Missouri on Sept. 2 to sign the Instrument of Surrender.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige said the country can learn from WWII veterans about targeting the problems of our time.

"Some compare fighting a pandemic akin to fighting a global war," Ige said. "What I do know is that we cannot go wrong in following their example in the face of any adversity. Their courage under fire, strength of character, resilience over time provides a clear roadmap for us to follow in all that we do, whether we are fighting a social injustice or a virus."

Task force makes 28 nursing home suggestions to Whitmer

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan should modify a system in which nursing home residents infected with the coronavirus can be treated and isolated in those facilities and take steps to improve life for all long-term care residents amid the pandemic, a task force urged Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a report released Tuesday.

The 20-member group was created by the governor to prepare for a potential second surge of COVID-19 after deaths and cases spiked in the spring. Nursing home residents account for 2,088, or 31 percent, of the state's 6,767 confirmed or probable deaths related to the virus.

Of the 28 recommendations, nearly half involve ways to better the quality of life inside 442 homes that have had to stop communal dining and restrict visits and other activities during the outbreak. To reduce the effects of isolation, the panel urged allowing outdoor and window visits, limited communal dining and optional "pod"-like arrangements in which residents could spend time together in small groups.

Other recommendations include prioritizing nursing homes for personal protective equipment and testing supplies, lessening data-reporting requirements and designating labs that give priority to specimens from the homes.

The task force said homes continue to face challenges finding qualified staff, especially in the pandemic. It recommended improving a state licensing website for people interested in becoming nursing assistants and making public service announcements about the shortage.

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Man in custody after stabbing in Paw Paw

By HP STAFF

PAW PAW — A 26-year-old man from Elkhart, Ind., has been arrested for allegedly stabbing a Paw Paw man multiple times.

The incident occurred at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday in the 68000 block of 39th St., in Paw Paw Township, according to a news release from Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

Deputies said the victim has been stabbed multiple times times below his chest. He was able to drive himself to Bronson Lakeview Hospital in Paw Paw. After he was stabilized there he was transported by ambulance to Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo for more treatment. His wounds are not believed to be life threatening, according to the sheriff's news release.

Deputies, with assistance from Michigan State Police and Lawton Police Department, located the suspect, who was hiding in a nearby barn, and arrested him for felonious assault. He is lodged in Van Buren County Jail awaiting arraignment.

The incident remains under investigation.

BERRIEN COUNTY

BCHD's 2021 budget heavily influenced by COVID-19

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County Health Department's proposed 2021 budget includes expenses and revenues related to COVID-19 in many categories.

Lisa Ankenbruck, the department's business manager, presented the proposed budget to the Berrien County Board of Health during its virtual meeting Wednesday.

The budget calls for $8.57 million in expenditures, $6.03 million in outside revenues and $2.35 million from the county.

The BCHD's 2020 budget was $8.04 million, with $5.16 in outside revenue and the same amount from the county.

The expected increase in outside revenues from 2020 to 2021 is due to an estimated 5 percent increase in state and federal funding and $940,556 in COVID-19 funding.

Federal and state COVID-19 funding added $645,760 to the 2020 budget.

Expected increases to expenditures include the added staff the BCHD has had to bring on to handle the COVID-19 pandemic, including the nine new positions it is currently filling. Salary and benefits for COVID-19 staffing adds $653,000 to the budget.

Ankenbruck said that budgeting for the health department is so much different than budgeting for any of the county's other department's because so much of the health department's budget is driven by grant funding.

She said the budget is reflective of all the projects and programs the health department is planning to do, and sometimes the exact funding for those programs is adjusted later.

This proposed budget will be presented to the Berrien County Board of Commissioners in two weeks and approved, along with the county's entire 2021 budget, in the next couple of months.

In other business, Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD, told the board that health department officials are still monitoring for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in the area. The mosquito-transmitted illness is more prevalent this time of year.

While the closest case so far to Berrien County has been in Kent County, Britten said folks should still be taking precautions to prevent mosquito bites while they are outdoors, especially as more outdoor activities are recommended right now due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 update

Britten told the board that COVID-19 cases and positivity rates in the county are still holding steady – and that's a good thing as the new school year starts up.

Britten said it is statistically probable that some area students will contract the virus, but it will most likely be from high-risk, non-school settings.

The state announced Wednesday that it will begin releasing information about schools with COVID-19 outbreaks associated with them in the next few weeks.

Berrien County is still hovering at about a 3 percent positivity rate in testing, as it has for about a month now.

Britten said recent new cases continue to be milder or asymptomatic, and the age of those contracting it continues to be younger than earlier in the pandemic.

The board discussed that some of the recent positive cases at Spectrum Health Lakeland have been due to people going in for routine surgeries, being tested, and showing up positive, even if they don't have any symptoms.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating seven COVID-19 cases Wednesday morning. That's the same as on Tuesday and up one from last Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, Berrien County added zero new confirmed COVID-19 cases, and two probable cases. These are people who have had direct contact with people who have tested positive, may have symptoms, but just have not received a confirming test yet.

In addition, the county recorded 12 new recoveries.

With no additional deaths recorded, the county is down to about 57 active cases, down from 69 on Tuesday and 89 last Wednesday.

Cass County added no new COVID-19 cases or deaths Wednesday.

Van Buren County added five new cases and no deaths.

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TOP: Pastor Taurus Montgomery on Wednesday talks about the new Rise Up Basketball Court being constructed at Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Benton Harbor. A tournament this weekend will formally open the facility. **UPPER LEFT:** "TRUST GOD'S PLAN" is pictured at center court at A Rise Up court at the Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church. **UPPER RIGHT:** The church's logo is shown on the new court in Benton Harbor.

Promoting peace, unity through basketball

Harbor of Hope Church set to dedicate Rise Up Basketball Court

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Young people need a safe place to connect, especially in underserved communities, said Pastor Taurus Montgomery of Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Benton Harbor.

That's why the Rise Up Basketball Court was built in front of the church at 769 Pipestone St. The grand opening for the court will be Sunday, which will feature a 5-on-5 basketball tournament.

"Benton Harbor is a basketball city, basketball town," he said. "We know that it's something that young people are attracted to, especially young men. The grand opening event is to promote a sense of peace and unity amongst each other."

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He said the event is free and open to everyone, but teams must pre-register at www.riseupbentonharbor.com/basketball. He said the tournament, which starts at 3 p.m., is single elimination for eight teams.

Players must be at least 15 years old. Montgomery said there will be food, prizes and activities for all ages.

In the center of the court are the words, "Trust God's Plan."

"His plan is for them to rise up education-wise, health-wise, financially and as a community," he said. "We need them living up to their fullest potential as to who they were created to be."

He said the court is the latest addition to the church's Rise Up program, which started in 2018.

Rise Up is a faith-based initiative designed to transform the lives of youth in Benton Harbor. He said Rise Up helps empower youth to live well, value learning, manage their money wisely and identify a career path. In addition, he said the program empowers youth to fight injustice.

Montgomery said that they wanted to get the court done earlier in the summer, but the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays.

"We want to use this Labor Day weekend to talk about the vision and the long-term plans," he said. "We are using this as a first step towards giving kids further opportunity to improve the overall quality of their life."

He said the next step is to help teens who don't plan to attend college prepare for a career.

"One of the things that we can do a better job of in our community is equipping kids with trade skills," he said.

Overall plans for the basketball court aren't quite done, he said. They still need donations to put a fence around the court, and for bleachers.

To donate, go to www.riseupbentonharbor.com. For more information, call Montgomery at 923-9274.

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State extension of driver's license, ID, registration deadlines expires Sept. 30

By ZAHRA AHMAD
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The Michigan Secretary of State is urging drivers who need to renew their license, state ID or vehicle registration to do so before Sept. 30.

Deadlines for renewals were extended earlier this year to Sept. 30 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced Aug. 20 that branch offices are offering special appointments and extended hours to Michigan drivers who need to renew before Sept. 30.

"As part of our ongoing efforts to address customer needs during the pandemic, we have expanded our branch hours and added a number of appointments to ensure everyone who needs to is able to renew their driver's license or ID ahead of the Sept. 30 deadline," Benson stated in a Sept. 1 press release. "There are still many available appointments, and anyone who has not handled their renewals is encouraged to do so immediately."

Residents can make appointments between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday by visiting the Secretary of State's website or calling 888-767-6424.

Special appointments are only offered to residents who need to renew a driver's license, state ID or vehicle's registration that expires between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, Benson's office said. Appointments that don't require renewing a license in person will be canceled and will need to be rescheduled. Many driver's licenses and IDs can be renewed online at expresssos.com, or by mail.

These special appointments can't be used for any other type of transaction, Benson's office said. Residents who need to make appointments for another transaction can use the advance and same-day appointment slots available through the online system.

Most vehicle registration renewals can be done online, by mail or at 120 self-service stations in Michigan. Registration renewals that were previously extended or expire on Sept. 30 must be done through one of those methods, Benson's office said.

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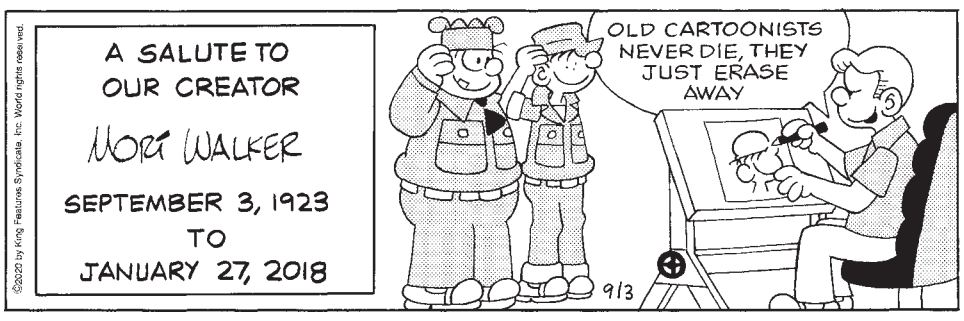

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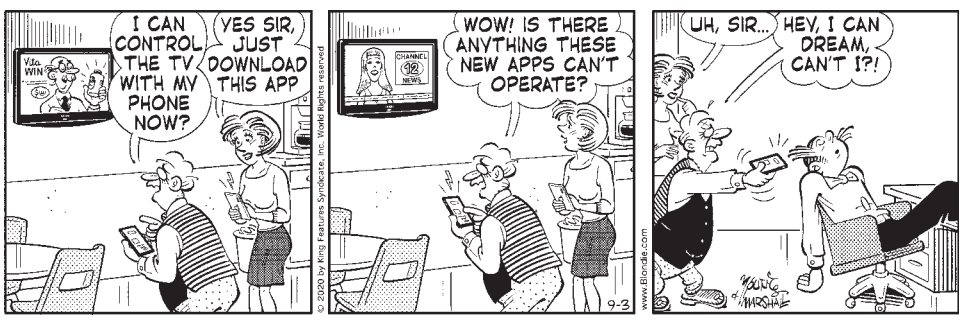
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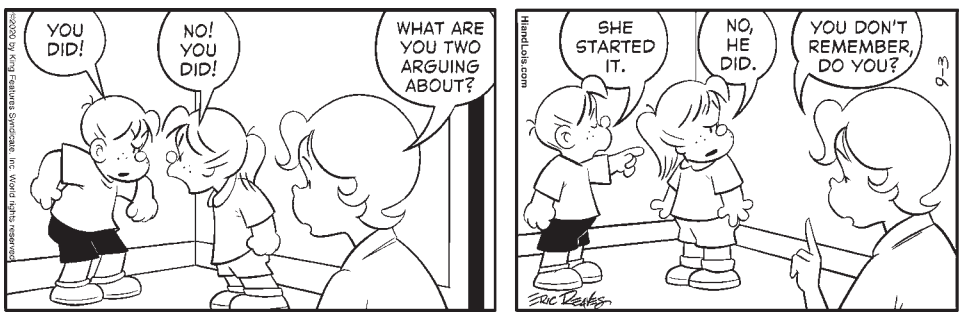

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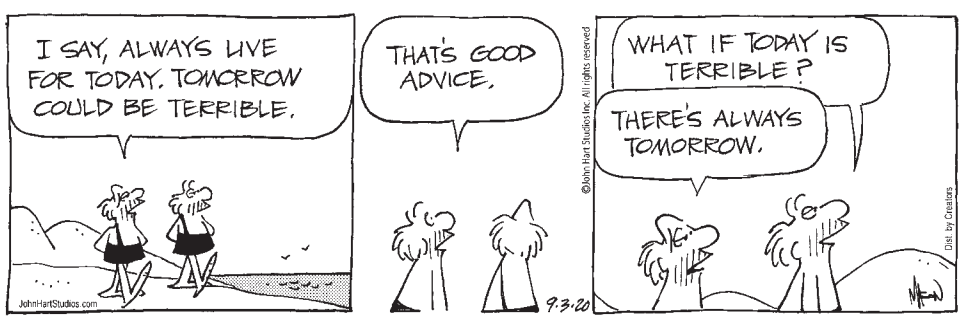
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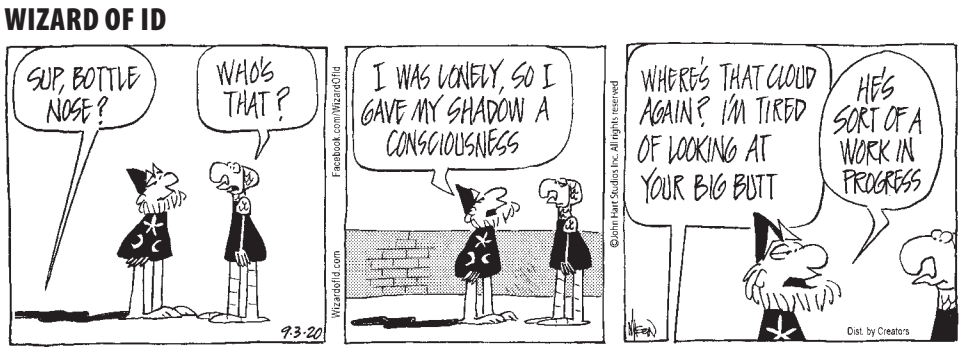
SUP, BOTTLE NOSE?
WHO'S THAT?
I WAS LONELY, SO I GAVE MY SHADOW A CONSCIOUSNESS
WHERE'S THAT CLOUD AGAIN? I'M TIRED OF LOOKING AT YOUR BIG BUTT
HE'S SORT OF A WORK IN PROGRESS
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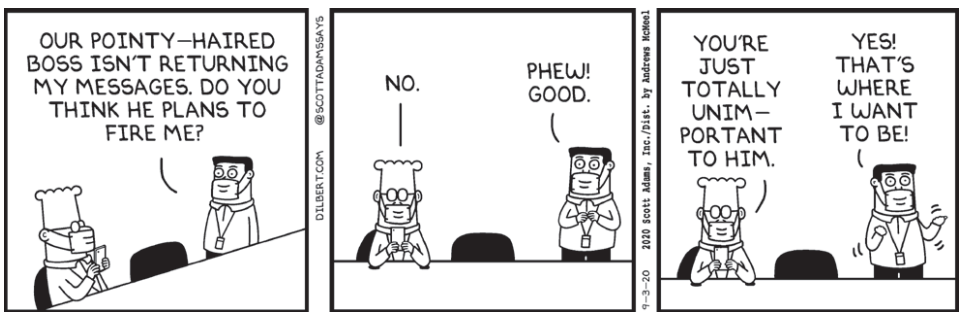
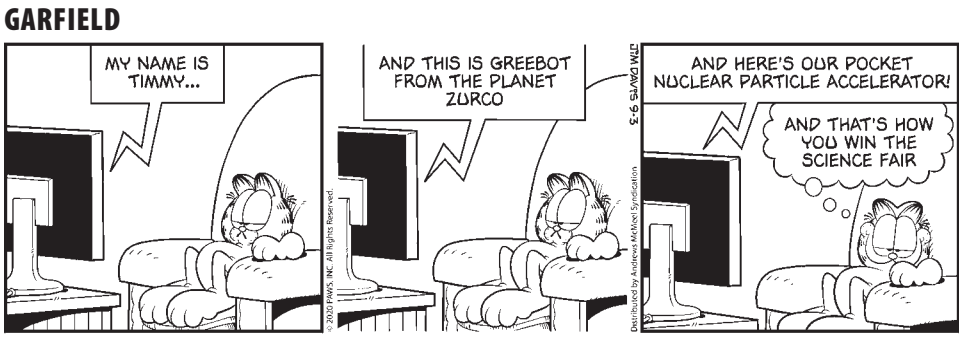
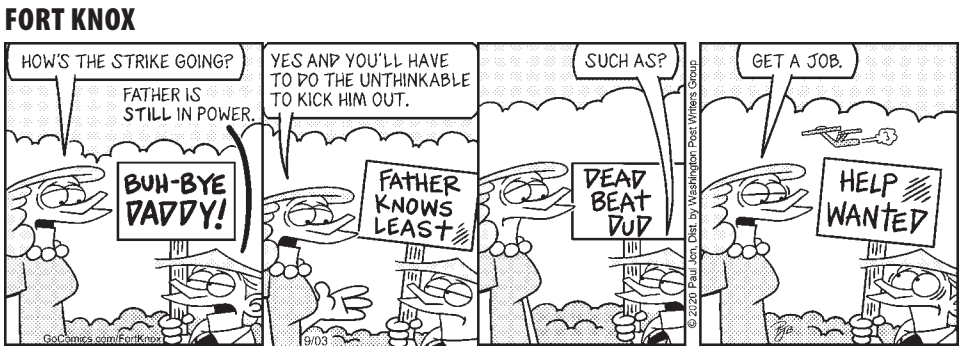
DILBERT


OUR POINTY-HAIRED BOSS ISN'T RETURNING MY MESSAGES. DO YOU THINK HE PLANS TO FIRE ME?
NO.
PHEW! GOOD.
YOU'RE JUST TOTALLY UNIM-PORTANT TO HIM.
YES! THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO BE!

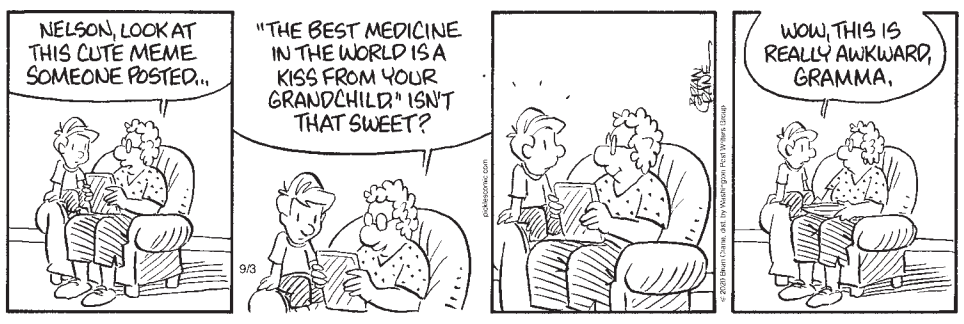
GARFIELD


MY NAME IS TIMMY...
AND THIS IS GREEBOT FROM THE PLANET ZURCO
AND HERE'S OUR POCKET NUCLEAR PARTICLE ACCELERATOR!
AND THAT'S HOW YOU WIN THE SCIENCE FAIR

FORT KNOX


HOW'S THE STRIKE GOING?
FATHER IS STILL IN POWER.
BUH-BYE DADDY!
YES AND YOU'LL HAVE TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE TO KICK HIM OUT.
FATHER KNOWS LEAST
SUCH AS?
DEAD BEAT DUD
GET A JOB.
HELP WANTED

PICKLES


NELSON, LOOK AT THIS CUTE MEME SOMEONE POSTED...
"THE BEST MEDICINE IN THE WORLD IS A KISS FROM YOUR GRANDCHILD." ISN'T THAT SWEET?
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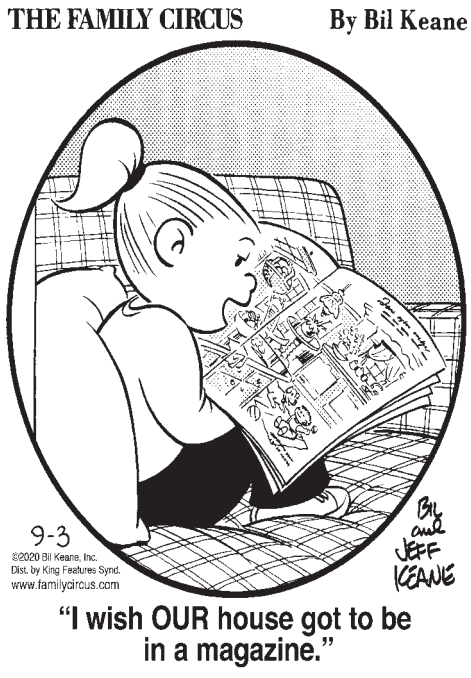
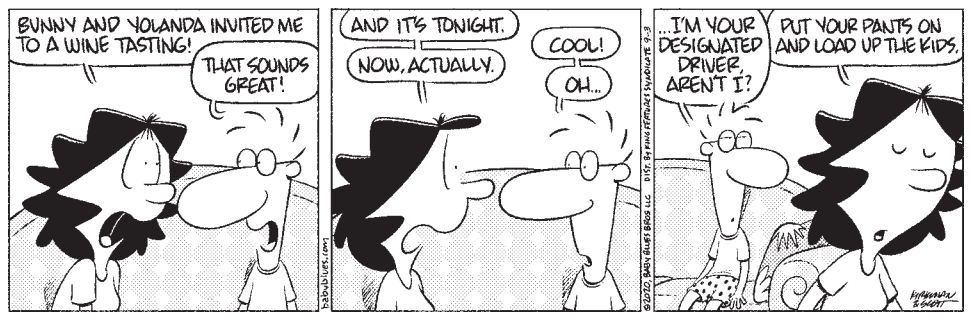
WOW, THIS IS REALLY AWKWARD, GRAMMA.

FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


BUNNY AND YOLANDA INVITED ME TO A WINE TASTING!
THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
AND IT'S TONIGHT.
NOW, ACTUALLY.
COOL!
OH...
...I'M YOUR DESIGNATED DRIVER, AREN'T I?
PUT YOUR PANTS ON AND LOAD UP THE KIDS.

CURTIS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CLEANING YOUR PIG-STY ROOM
MOM USUALLY DOES THAT
I DO IT TO HELP. YOU COULD DO IT, TOO
A MAN CAN COOK, DO LAUNDRY, MAKE BEDS AND STILL BE A MAN!
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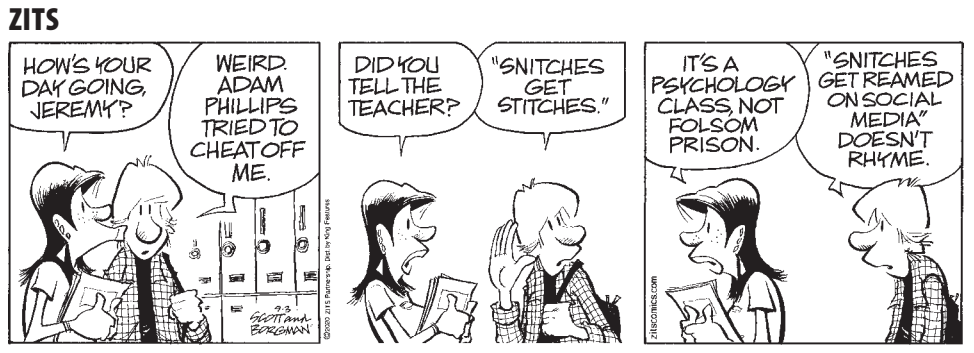
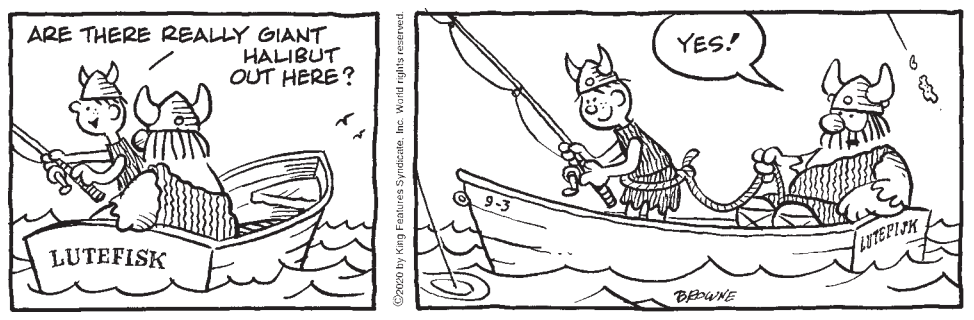
CAN YOU SWEEP UNDER TH' BED? AT NIGHT THE DUST BUNNIES TELL EACH OTHER DIRTY JOKES

ZITS

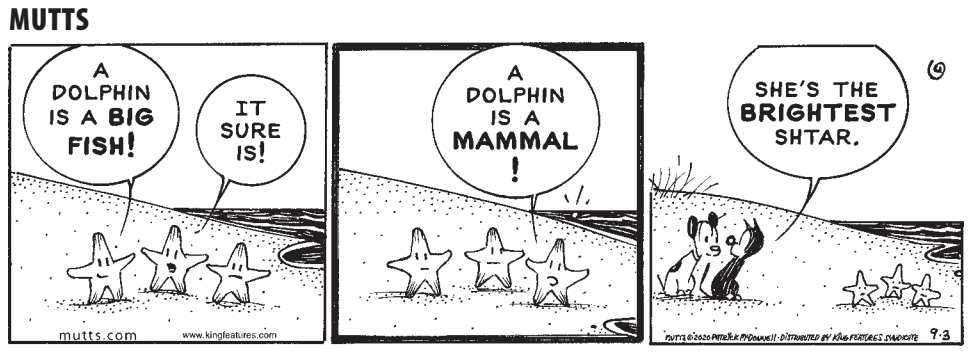

HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING, JEREMY?
WEIRD. ADAM PHILLIPS TRIED TO CHEAT OFF ME.
DID YOU TELL THE TEACHER?
"SNITCHES GET STITCHES."
IT'S A PSYCHOLOGY CLASS, NOT FOLSOM PRISON.
"SNITCHES GET REAMED ON SOCIAL MEDIA" DOESN'T RHYME.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



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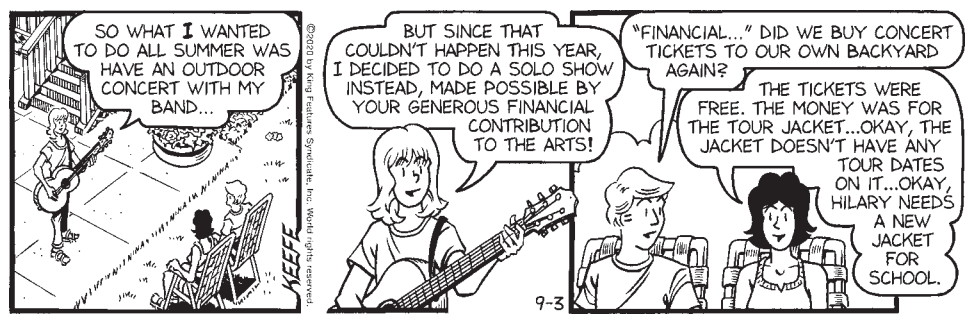
SO WHAT I WANTED TO DO ALL SUMMER WAS HAVE AN OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH MY BAND...
BUT SINCE THAT COULDN'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR, I DECIDED TO DO A SOLO SHOW INSTEAD, MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS!
"FINANCIAL..." DID WE BUY CONCERT TICKETS TO OUR OWN BACKYARD AGAIN?
THE TICKETS WERE FREE. THE MONEY WAS FOR THE TOUR JACKET...OKAY, THE JACKET DOESN'T HAVE ANY TOUR DATES ON IT...OKAY, HILARY NEEDS A NEW JACKET FOR SCHOOL.
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PARADE IS OFF ON SEPTEMBER 6TH!
BUT WE ARE BACK ON SEPTEMBER 13TH
WITH FALL'S BEST SHOWS AND A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK
WITH NEW TALK-SHOW HOST DREW BARRYMORE!
The Herald-Palladium
HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK! .....

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING SEP. 3

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Holey Moley "Double Dutch Riggle" (N)		To Tell the Truth (N) CC (DVS)		To Tell the Truth ((F)) (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		:01 Love Island The islanders must couple up. (N) CC			
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Neangela and Marcus" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Beat Shazam Childhood sweethearts; best friends. CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Exp Michiana	Les Misérables 25th Anniversary Concert at the O2 Silver anniversary of the musical. CC					
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded "Roswell" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Forget My Name" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded "Roswell" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty and Scott are missing.		Highway to Heaven "Summit" CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Knock Knock" CC		The First 48 "Family First" CC		:01 The First 48 "Graveyard Love"	
AMC	Day-To-morrow	★★ Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb ('14) Ben Stiller. (P). (N)				:15 ★★★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	6:00 ★★ Soul Plane ('04)			★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman			
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Soccer			Women's College Soccer CC			
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC	
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Shutter Island	Within ('16, Suspense) Erin Moriarty, Blake Jenner. CC			★★★ Side Effects ('13) Jude Law. (P). CC		
CMT	Last Man	★★ The Guardian ('06, Drama) Kevin Costner. CC					
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Homestead	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		Homestead Rescue "Onward and Upward" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	★★★ Hitch ('05) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. CC					Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	:00 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Second Round. (N) (L)						
ESPN2	U.S. Open Ten.			American Game		American Game	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible (N)			Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis			Glory Kickboxing			
Freefrm	Nat'l Treasure	★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12) Andrew Garfield. (P). Peter Parker investigates his parents' disappearance. CC					
FX	:00 ★★ The Equalizer ('14) Denzel Washington. A former commando champions the helpless. CC					★★★ Logan ('17) Hugh Jackman.	
Golf	Golf TOUR Championship, Char			Golf TOUR Championship, Charity Event.			
Hallmark	Summer Love ('16)	Love Under the Olive Tree ('20) Tori Anderson, Benjamin Hollingsworth. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Lovecraft Country	★★★ Queen & Slim ('19) Daniel Kaluuya, Jodie Turner-Smith. CC				:15 The Vow "Viscera" CC	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Fixer to	Christina/Coast		Christina/Coast		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Pop	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Double Shot at Love		Revenge	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals. (N) (L)					
NFL	:00 NFL Total Access (N) CC			NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Sponge.	SpongeBob Movie				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Drug Lord	Drug Lords: Next		Drug Lords: Next		Drug Lords: Next	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard CC		Snapped A deadly love triangle. CC		Buried in the Backyard CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Hancock ('08, Action) Will Smith. CC					Law
Showtime	Olympic Dreams	Shameless "Parenthood" CC		Love Fraud "You Just Gotta Trust Me"		We Hunt Together	:45 ★★ Red
Starz	6:37 ★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. CC			:02 ★★ Total Recall ('12, Science Fiction) Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale. CC			
STZENC	Spider-Man 2	★★ Nutty Professor II: The Klumps ('00) Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson. CC				9:50 ★★★ The Mask ('94) CC	
SyFy	6:30 ★★ Constantine ('05) Keanu Reeves. CC			★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort (N) CC	
TCM	Summer of '42	★★★ The Story of Louis Pasteur ('36) Paul Muni. CC			Story Jenner	★★★ Sister Kenny ('46) CC	
TMC	M. Magdalene	★★ How to Talk to Girls at Parties ('17) Elle Fanning.			:45 ★★★ Ginger & Rosa ('12, Drama) Elle Fanning. CC		
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Chrisley Knows	Cannonball "When Ducks Attack"		:01 Chrisley Knows Best (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Browns	★★★ Love & Basketball ('00) Sanaa Lathan. CC					
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Happy love life turns best friend into a Debbie Downer

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been lucky enough to have fallen madly in love with the most wonderful man in the world. We have been together for two years and living together for almost a year. I'm in my mid-30s; he's in his mid-40s. We both have had plenty of experience in love – enough to feel sure that we've found the person we want to spend the rest of our lives with.

My best friend has been very disparaging of our relationship and makes rude comments about it. If I tell her how happy we are in spite of the pandemic, she says it's because we're still in the "honeymoon phase." If I describe something kind that my boyfriend has done for me, she adopts a condescending tone and makes remarks about "new love" and that I should enjoy this now because it will change.

She's the same age I am and has been with her fiance for nine years. I have always been very supportive of their relationship, but she seems incapable of offering me the same level of support in my love life. When I try to talk to her about something she has said or done that bothers me, she often becomes aggressive, and I don't know how to approach this subject without getting into an argument or losing our friendship. What should I do? – Proudly Lucky In Love

DEAR PROUDLY LUCKY: Could your friend be suffering from a touch of jealousy because you constantly extoll your boyfriend's virtues? Her cynicism may have something to do with the fact that she and her fiance have been together for nine years with no marriage in sight.

If you can't talk to her about sensitive issues without her becoming aggressive or you being afraid of losing the friendship, it doesn't take a crystal ball to see the two of you are growing increasingly distant with the passage of time. I do think you should ask your friend why she reacts the way she does and tell her how it makes you feel. It may be the only way to save your friendship.

DEAR ABBY: At what age is it no longer appropriate for children to play naked while outside in their yard?

We are a childless couple in our 60s who live in a suburban neighborhood in the Northeast. A new couple moved here with their children, a boy and a girl, who appear to be about 5 and 8 years old. Both of them often are naked while playing in their yard. This happens in all kinds of weather, not just when it's extremely hot.

We all have fairly large yards, but none of the yards in the neighborhood are private. Neighbors on both sides of this family and anyone walking up or down the street can see the children. We are not prudes, but this happens frequently, and it makes us uncomfortable. Is it time for us to move? – Averting My Eyes

DEAR AVERTING: Five- and 8-year-old minors are too old to be naked in public. Pay a visit to your new neighbors' house and introduce yourself. Ask why the kids play outside with no clothes on. Gauge what you learn, and if you suspect neglect or abuse, report it to Child Protective Services.

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She's moving away, so should he end it?

Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared Jan. 22 and April 7, 2006.

DEAR CAROLYN: My story: Boy meets girl out in Washington, D.C., instant chemistry. On first real date, girl admits to boy that she already has plans for moving to New York City in a couple weeks to attend school for about a year, but that she likes boy, too. Girl postpones moving plans a bit, spending an additional two months with boy, who continues to fall madly in love with girl.

But, boy really wants girl to pursue professional dreams, and is totally supportive, while admitting he will miss her.

Girl is now moving in less than a month. Boy has never been a big fan of long-distance situations, but has never felt this way before, even though, at 35, he probably should be old enough to know better! Girl is 27.

Is it better to sever things so that both can fully enjoy everything their respective cities have to offer? – Matt

DEAR MATT: Oh, Boy. You have met someone for whom you have feelings you've never felt before, and you are 35. And you'd *sever* things? Over being a three-hour train ride apart? For only a year?

If you were 21, the never-felt-this-before standard would still be significant, but you'd have to weigh it against the fact that as a new adult, you're going to feel a whole lot of things you've never felt before. But at the threshold of middle age, you should in fact know yourself better.

A few months of knowing someone isn't much, but knowing when you've found a good thing is everything.

Besides, at any age, there isn't much sense in throwing away a perfectly good toaster just because there's a chance it might break. Have the nerve to tell her you care enough to want to keep seeing her, then have the nerve to see where it goes.

DEAR CAROLYN: I want you to tell me life will be OK, but I'm not sure I deserve it.

There's this girl, and I love her, and I've never been more honest with anyone. Maybe my mother ... and that's great. Right?

Here's the problem: We've been "talking" on and off for a year and a half, and she's always had feelings for me but I was afraid to take the next step, and managed to foil everything again, again and again, by hooking up.

Things are different now; I'm changed. I'll put that on everything.

She's changed, too. She says she still has feelings but I've "crossed too many lines."

I have, Carolyn. Can we heal? Will she ever trust me? I'm willing to put in the work. – Sacramento

DEAR SACRAMENTO: If you're sure – and not just sure, but *sure* – that your feelings are genuine and you're not simply obsessing about cookies because you were just told you could never have cookies again, then do the following:

■ Apologize for abusing her feelings for so long; tell her you love her; say you'll stop bothering her.

■ Then stop. It's the only sure way to demonstrate that you value her feelings over your own, which is the only sure way to demonstrate that you love her vs. merely wanting her. If ever she changes her mind, she can find you.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Like some alleys
6 Reasoning
11 Like many a Stephen King novel
12 Space station view
13 Jeweled coronets
15 Caruso's first name
16 Some sweaters (hyph.)
18 Quaker word
19 Nautilus locale
21 "Exodus" character
22 Leg part
23 Tenant's payment
25 Lunch
28 Role for Arnold
30 Historian's word
31 Go right!
32 Part of a circle
33 Fall mo.
35 Civil offenses
37 Ultimate degree
38 Arrogant
40 Porthole
41 Sloppy —
42 JFK posting
43 Luau strings
46 Weaker
48 Diamond, to a chemist
50 Lounged around
54 Ancient instruments
55 Wet behind the ears
56 Ore analysis
57 Sales pitch

DOWN
1 Casino action
2 Flower adornment
3 Novelist — Levin
4 Bliss, to a Buddhist
5 College VIP
6 Part of the eye
7 Dinghy's need
8 Fine sand
9 Yen
10 Bok —
14 Char
15 Barely getting by
17 Universe
19 Strapped for cash
20 Emergency
22 Go over rapidly
24 Little one
25 Leggy bird
26 State Farm competitor
27 Quiz
29 Fall mo.
34 Bayou dweller
36 More than touch
39 Diamond or Armstrong
43 West Coast campus
44 Boyle and Kyser
45 Miscalculates
46 Small bouquet
47 Practically forever
49 Maude of TV
51 Weeks per annum?
52 Twilight, to a poet
53 Tierra — Fuego

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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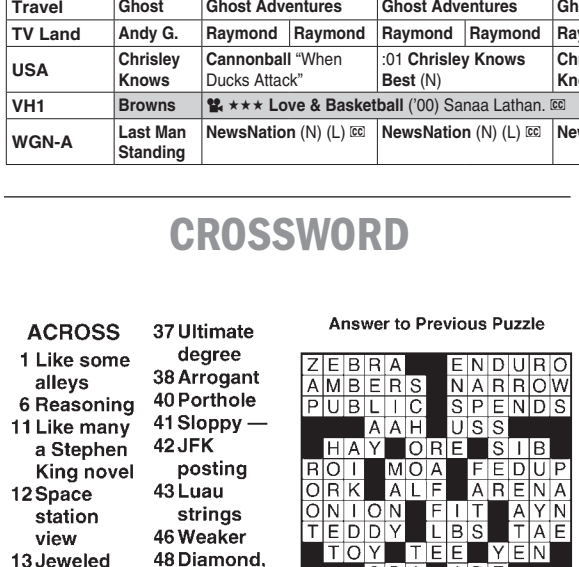

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NLBDA

UDOAI

HYOTTO

GIPOST

That shirt still looks great!
I hand wash it and line dry it. It still rocks!
U2
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HE BOUGHT THE SHIRT AT THE CONCERT 30 YEARS AGO. TO HIM IT WAS AN --

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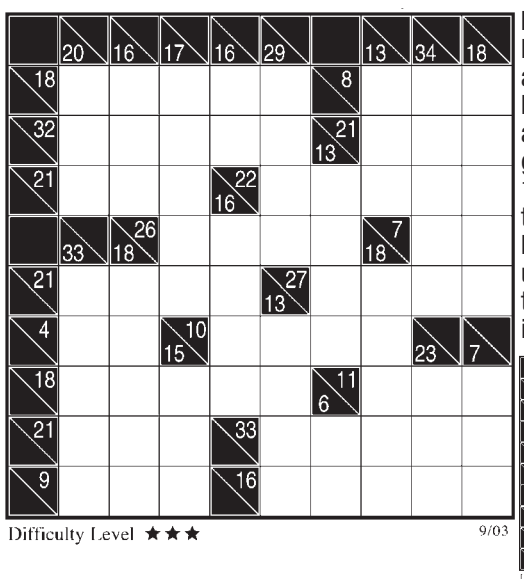
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"◯◯◯◯-◯" ◯◯◯◯ ◯ "◯◯◯◯◯-◯"

(Answers tomorrow)

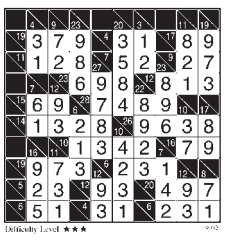
Yesterday's Jumbles: UNCLE CROSS TRENDY LOCALE
Answer: The golfers at St. Andrews decided to extend their trip so they could — STAY THE COURSE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/03

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Christopher Morley, who was an essayist, journalist, novelist and poet, wrote, "The real purpose of books is to trap the mind into doing its own thinking."

Is it also true that the real purpose of bridge columns is to trap a player's mind into doing its own analysis?

Today's deal is much easier when presented on paper because the reader knows that there is an unusual play to be found.

Look at the North and East hands. Against three no-trump, West leads a fourth-highest spade two. How should East anticipate the defense proceeding?

In the auction, North used Stayman to try to uncover a 4-4 heart fit. When he failed, he hoped spades would not prove to be a fatal weakness in three no-trump.

When the deal was originally played, West led his fourth-highest spade, and East automatically followed the "third hand high" dictum, putting up his 10. No need to strain the brain at that point!

South took the trick and played a heart. East won with his ace and returned the spade five (his original fourth-highest), but after West collected three tricks in the suit, South claimed the remainder. East's spade eight rotted on the vine.

East should have paused before playing to the first trick. If he had, he probably would have seen the necessity to retain his spade 10. South was marked with two spades – but which two? Surely not the ace and nine, because West would have led the king from K-Q-J-2. In all other possibilities, East had to play low.

North 09-03-20
♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ K 3 2

West
♠ A J 9 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 10 8
♣ Q 10 5 4

East
♠ 10 8 7 5 4
♥ A 5 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ J 7

South
♠ K Q
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 9 8 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

		8	3	2			4	5
				1	5			
3			6			7		
		4			9		7	
2			7	6	8			1
	1		5			6		
		2			3			6
			2	5				
1	8			7	6	2		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	6	1	2	4	8	9	3	5
5	3	8	6	1	9	4	7	2
2	4	9	7	3	5	8	1	6
4	9	3	1	5	7	2	6	8
1	7	2	8	6	4	3	5	9
8	5	6	3	9	2	7	4	1
9	1	4	5	8	3	6	2	7
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3	2	5	9	7	6	1	8	4

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Estate of Audrey Eleanor Myers
Date of Birth: 02/19/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Audrey Eleanor Myers, died 01/19/2020.

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Attorney:
Jason Engram P60316
515 Ship St#208
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-313-0134

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Meeting Notice
The Hagar Township Planning Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm at the Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd, Benton Harbor, MI. This Planning Commission Master Plan Update Workshop will be led by planners from Williams and Works to review current Master Plan goals and objectives as input for a Master Plan Update.

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Interested persons may review the application for this project by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Form 854 File Number "A1172830". Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC within 30 days of this posting. Instructions for filing such requests can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online. Parties wishing to submit a request by mail may send the request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

You'll discover something that has been missing from your life if you depart from routine. It's time to test your knowledge and experience and take on something new and exciting. Forge into the future with optimism and enthusiasm. Build strong affiliations with people who share your goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your happiness is your responsibility, so make sure you do the things that bring you comfort and joy. Relationships look promising. Romance is favored. Action may be required.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sit back and observe. Have patience when dealing with unreasonable individuals. Pay more attention to your health and emotional well-being. Be quiet until you have a solid plan in place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take pleasure in the people and things that bring you joy. Be imaginative; what you come up with will capture the attention of someone special. Romance is featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your thoughts to yourself. Don't take a risk when it comes to money, health or contractual dealings. Make physical fitness and health your priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take a moment to remember what's happened in the past before you make a move. Change is favored, but it has to be for the right reasons. Talk to someone you trust and love for help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your intuition will be right on target. Let your feelings lead the way, and you will avoid making a mistake. It's a very good time to make physical improvements, so get moving.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do something entertaining. Join an online dance or fitness class, or reach out to someone you enjoy spending time with and share your feelings. Romance looks promising.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Spend more time making things happen and less time talking and trying to convince others to help you. Don't waste time arguing with someone who isn't likely to budge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll crave change. Don't expect or wait for something to happen. Take charge and put your plan in motion. How you deal with matters that affect work and home will determine how much you achieve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful who you let into your circle. Don't be fooled by someone promising the impossible. You cannot move forward until you take care of the past. Freedom is your ticket to new beginnings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Dream a little dream, and turn it into reality. Approach uncertainty with an open mind, and you will discover a way to reach your objective. Serious discussions will bear fruit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take the lead and do whatever it will take to live up to your promises. Recognize when someone is trying to take advantage of you. Hard work and honesty will be crucial.

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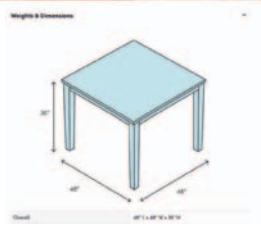

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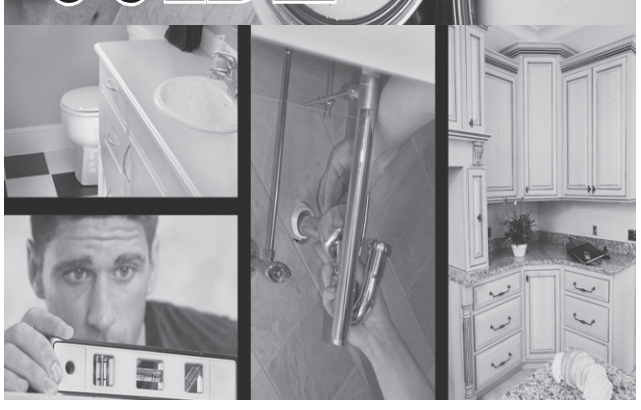

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hp SPORTS

Miracle Mets' Seaver dies at 75 of dementia, COVID-19

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Tom Seaver, the Hall of Fame pitcher who steered a stunning transformation from lovable losers to Miracle Mets in 1969, has died. He was 75.

SEAVER

The Hall said Wednesday night that Seaver died Monday from complications of Lewy body dementia and COVID-19. Seaver spent his final years in Calistoga, California.

Seaver's family announced in March 2019 he had been diagnosed with dementia and had retired from public life.

He continued working at Seaver Vineyards, founded by the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner and his wife, Nancy, in 2002 on 116 acres at Diamond Mountain in the Calistoga region of Northern California.

Seaver was diagnosed with Lyme disease in 1991, and it reoccurred in 2012 and led to Bell's Palsy and memory loss, the Daily News of New York reported in 2013.

"He will always be the heart and soul of the Mets, the standard which all Mets aspire to," Mike Piazza, a former Mets catcher and Hall of Famer, tweeted when Seaver's dementia diagnosis was announced.

Nicknamed Tom Terrific and The Franchise, Seaver was a five-time 20-game winner and the 1967 NL Rookie of the Year. For his career, from 1967-86, he had a 311-205 record with a 2.86 ERA, 3,640 strikeouts and 61 shutouts. He became a constant on magazine covers and a media presence, calling postseason games on NBC and ABC even while still an active player.

"He was simply the greatest Mets player of all-time and among the best to ever play the game," Mets owner Fred Wilpon and son Jeff, the team's chief operating officer, said in a statement.

Seaver was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1992 when he appeared on 425 of 430 ballots for a then-record 98.84 percent. His mark was surpassed in 2016 by Ken Griffey Jr., again in 2019 when Mariano Rivera became the first unanimous selection by baseball writers, and in 2020 when Derek Jeter fell one vote short of a clean sweep.

His plaque in Cooperstown lauds him as a "power pitcher who helped change the New York Mets from lovable losers into formidable foes." He changed not only their place in the standings but the team's stature in people's minds.

"Tom was a gentleman who represented the best of our national pastime," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "He was synonymous with the New York Mets and their unforgettable 1969 season."

"After their improbable World Series championship, Tom became a household name to baseball fans – a responsibility he carried out with distinction throughout his life," he said.

Seaver pitched for the Mets from 1967 until 1977, when he was traded to Cincinnati after a public spat with chairman M. Donald Grant over Seaver's desire for a new contract.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Detroit Lions offensive tackle Taylor Decker (68) finishes stretching before drills at football practice at Ford Field on Wednesday.

With new contract, Decker now focused on future

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Taylor Decker has his big new contract with the Detroit Lions. His goals extend well beyond that, though.

"I feel like I've got a lot of good football ahead of me," Decker said Wednesday. "One thing that I told my parents last night was, obviously this is a huge, huge milestone in my life, my family's lives, my future kids' lives. This is huge, but the work isn't finished. That doesn't mean that the job's done."

The Lions announced Decker's deal Wednesday. The previous day, agent Jonathan Feinsod confirmed that Decker had agreed to a six-year, $85 million deal including $37.5 million guaranteed. In four seasons on Detroit's offensive line, Decker has appeared in 55 games and made a strong contribution after the Lions drafted him in the first round in 2016 out of Ohio State.

That was the first draft pick Detroit made after Bob Quinn took over as general manager.

"Since the day we drafted him, Taylor has dedicated himself to our program and has developed into an important piece of our offense," Quinn said in a statement.

"As one of our team captains, he sets a great example for every player in our locker room. This extension is a reflection of all of Taylor's hard work, and we are incredibly excited to come to this agreement and continue to work with Taylor for years to come."

Decker was the first Detroit rookie offensive tackle to start all 16 games since 2001.

In 2017, his second year, he missed the start of the season following shoulder surgery and played only eight games. He hasn't had any extended absences since then and has been a steady presence amid occasional upheaval around him.

The Lions changed coaches before the 2018 season and had a new offensive coordinator last year. Coach Matt Patricia says Decker has kept improving amidst all of that.

"I've just seen so much growth in him over the last couple years in his ability to get better at the position, just be more consistent, his technique, his leadership is outstanding, the way that he approaches every single day. He's just been a really consistent guy for us on the offensive line," Patricia said.

"I would say his overall football knowledge has just really increased with the different types of looks and protections, blitz packages that they see on the offensive line, the run game, just overall improvement by him each year."

In addition to extending Decker, the Lions also acquired offensive lineman Halapoulivaati Vaitai this offseason. They drafted another offensive lineman in the first round in 2018 in Frank Ragnow.

So the potential is there for this group to play together for a while.

"If you can have some continuity year to year and develop some chemistry and some cohesiveness with the guys that are playing next to you, that's huge," Decker said. "It's just a level of being comfortable around one another."

When he agreed to terms on this contract, Decker quickly contacted his parents, so they would hear the news from him. It was an understandably emotional conversation.

"My mom started immediately bawling, crying. I started crying, and I had to be in a team meeting in four minutes. So it was quick, emotional, and then I called my mom and dad again today," Decker said. "I'm the youngest of five, and I'm sure for my siblings and my parents to see their baby boy and their baby brother accomplish something like that, I hope it was cool for them."

SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

Today's games
Boys tennis
Kal. Central at St. Joseph, 4
Berrien Springs at SB St. Joseph, 4:15

CROSS COUNTRY

at Riverview Park
Boys

ST. JOSEPH 28, WATERVLIET 35, BUCHANAN 73

St. Joseph – 1. Will Fiesbeck 18:03.15, 3. Andrew Moyer 18:22.47, 5. Michael Melvoin 18:40.94, 9. Luke Lehner 19:40.36, 10. Niklaas Door 19:48.49.
Watervliet – 2. Ezra Troyer 18:13.20, 4. German Casiano 18:27.00, 7. Camdon Geisler 19:32.11, 8. Abel Villarreal 19:3338, Jimmy Kolosowsky 20:44.87.

Girls

ST. JOSEPH 15, BUCHANAN 51, WATERVLIET 67

St. Joseph – 1. Cecilia Ruchti 21:00.9, 2. Grace Kelley 21:07.70, 3. Riley Mullen 21:33.60, 4. Olivia Ippel 22:27.60, 5. Lauren Koch 23:08.60.
Watervliet – 6, Morgan Lowell 23:11.40, 13. Abby Lomoro 27:29.30, 15. Keyona Klimkiewicz 28:11.80, 16. Kristina Swanson 28:12.70, 17. Aria Richards 28:24.10.

at Lake Township Park
Boys

LAKESHORE 17, BRIDGMAN 49, HARTFORD 71

Lakeshore – 1. Race Bettich 16:46.3, 2. Charlie Ogata 18:31.1, 3. Grant Rose 18:38.2, 5. Lucas Balkema 19:02.3, 6. Trevor Griffiths 19:30.7.
Bridgman – 4. John Sanderson Bridgman 19:00.4, 8. Luke Blesy Bridgman 19:50.8, 10. Jayce Warren Bridgman 19:56.3, 12. Nathan Blied Bridgman 20:02.9, 14. Sebastian Kirk Bridgman 20:20.8.
Hartford – 7. Jacob Mireles 19:41.0, 13. Jairo Lopez 20:06.6, 16. Aurelio Delgado 20:39.8, 17. Hunter Bloom 22:02.9, 18. Bo Janicki 22:05.8.

Girls

LAKESHORE 27, BRIDGMAN 38, HARTFORD 69

Lakeshore – 1. Emily Peters 20:47.2, 5. Sophia Ceru 22:50.4, 6. Rachel Vroegop 23:07.6, 7. Abigail Winsman 23:11.4, 8. Lanie Brant 23:15.0.
Bridgman – 2. Karsyn Stewart Bridgman 21:33.8, 3. Arie Hackett Bridgman 22:18.9, 4. Summer Fast Bridgman 22:39.3, 14. Jane Kaspar Bridgman 24:47.8, 15. Graci Tate Bridgman 25:09.1.
Hartford – 11. Gillian Kuenhle 23:49.0, 12. Jasmin Janicki 24:02.5, 13. Mikaela Cowgill 24:20.3, 16. Descenya Rodarte 25:46.5, 17. Jamie Smith 26:27.2.

BOYS TENNIS

PORTAGE NORTHERN 6, ST. JOSEPH 2

Singles – 1. Alex Wootton (PN) d. Justice Waldman 6-1, 6-1; 2. Charlie LePage (PN) d. Grant Banasik 6-1, 6-4; 3. Athan Gregory (SJ) d. Owen Hobson 6-3, 6-1; 4. Tyler Romano (SJ) d. Ben Kim 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles – 1. Simon Holley-Kirby Bach (PN) d. Owen Faulkner-Ani Anirudh 6-3, 6-4; 2. Luke Rathburn-Jack Eiden (PN) d. Levi Beam-Harsh Gupta 6-0, 6-2; 3. Dawson Gaynor-Owen Brown (PN) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; 4. Nick Jepson-Vikas Tatineni (PN) d. Prosper Waldman-Kevin Rutz 6-2, 6-1.

MLB

American League
Tuesday's Games
Miami 3, Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 9, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 10, Boston 3
Detroit 12, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 10, Kansas City 1
Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 6, Houston 5, 10 innings
Oakland at Seattle, ppd.
Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 9, Baltimore 4
Toronto 2, Miami 1
Atlanta 7, Boston 5
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 0
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Detroit at Milwaukee
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota
Texas at Houston
San Diego at L.A. Angels
Oakland at Seattle, ppd.
Thursday's Games
Texas (Lynn 4-1) at Houston (Greinke 2-0), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
San Diego (Clevinger 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Walker 3-2) at Boston (Pérez 2-4), 7:30 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Cease 4-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, ppd.
National League
Tuesday's Games
Miami 3, Toronto 2
St. Louis 16, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 6, Washington 0
Baltimore 9, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 10, Boston 3
Detroit 12, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 7, 11 innings
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 3
San Francisco 23, Colorado 5
Wednesday's Games
Colorado 9, San Francisco 6
N.Y. Mets 9, Baltimore 4
Toronto 2, Miami 1
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3
Philadelphia 3, Washington 0
Atlanta 7, Boston 5
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Angels, 9:40 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Mills 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Brubaker 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Washington (Sánchez 1-4) at Philadelphia (Eflin 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
San Diego (Clevinger 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Weaver 1-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-1), 9:40 p.m.

NBA

SECOND ROUND
Tuesday, Sept. 1
Denver 80, Utah 78, Denver wins series 4-3
Wednesday, Sept. 2
Oklahoma City vs. Houston

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, Sept. 1
Boston 102, Toronto 99, Boston leads series 2-0
Wednesday, Sept. 2
Miami 116, Milwaukee 114, Miami leads series 2-0
Thursday, Sept. 3
Toronto vs. Boston, 6:30
Denver vs. L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

NHL

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, Sept. 1
At Toronto
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT, N.Y. Islanders leads series 3-2
At Edmonton, Alberta
Vancouver 2, Las Vegas 1, Las Vegas leads series 3-2
Wednesday, Sept. 2
At Edmonton, Alberta
Colorado 4, Dallas 1, series tied 3-3
Thursday, Sept. 3
At Toronto
N.Y. Islanders vs. Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
At Edmonton, Alberta
Las Vegas vs. Vancouver, 9:45 p.m.

Step up for Bridgman

Defending state champ Bees girls cross country team to compete in Div. 3

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

Bridgman's girls cross country team is ready to take on the challenge of moving up to a new division after winning the school's first-ever state championship a season ago.

The Bees, who won the championship at the Division 4 level last year, will compete in Division 3 this season.

"We move to D3 this year as the second-smallest school," Bridgman coach Spencer Carr said. "We are up to the challenge. We should compete for the (Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph conference title) again and have a good shot at a regional title if we can find a fifth runner to step up."

While the move in division may certainly pose a challenge, the Bees can find comfort in the fact that they return a significant core from their state championship-winning squad.

"Four of our top five (runners) from the state championship team are returning, including all-state Karsyn Stewart and Arie Hackett," said Carr. "Numbers are up a bit as well. (We have) about 13 girls."

The Bees graduated only one runner from last season's top five in Michaela Owen. Owen was named The Herald-Palladium Senior Female Athlete of the Year in May.

"We're looking for someone to step up and fill the gap that Michaela left," said Carr. "We had a big gap from our five-runner to our six-runner last year, and if we are going to be successful, someone is going to have to fill that gap."

Carr will lean on senior Alexa Ackerman or junior Grace Fenech, both members of the state championship team, to fill that fifth spot, though Carr also said he likes the potential of a pair of freshmen, Gracie Tate and Khloe Davis, to also have a shot at the fifth position.

Along with Stewart (senior) and Hackett (junior), Carr also named sophomore Summer Fast as a key runner. Fast was named to the all-region team last season as a freshman and should run consistently in the third spot for Bridgman.

"She really improved a lot last year," said Carr. "We're looking for more improvement this year to get closer to Karsyn and Arie."

Jane Kaspar, a junior, also returns after being named an all-region runner last season.

St. Joseph

Coach Mike Mahler is looking forward to having a bit more depth this season in comparison to last fall.

"We return five of our top seven from last year's team and have some freshmen and girls that were not on the team last year," he said. "We also have 28 girls out for the team this year."

Two of those freshmen, Cecilia Ruchti and Grace Kelley, led the way for the Bears at an Aug. 25 dual meet between St. Joseph and Lakeshore. Ruchti's 21:31 and Kelley's 21:55 were good enough for second and third overall.

Junior Riley Mullen returns to the Bears after joining the team midway through last season. Mullen placed fourth on Aug. 25 in 22:27.

Mahler also listed junior Olvia Veersma, as well as seniors Lizzy Nelson and Mae Fischer as key runners.

Underclassmen will also be important for the Bears. Sophomores Olivia Ippel, Lauren Koch, Claire Caplea and Ellie Smith should contribute, as should the freshmen duo of Lanie Smith and Madison Werk-Spitzer, said Mahler.

Mahler said the team hopes to get back on track after what he called a "rebuilding year" last fall.

"The question will be, can we return to being competitive in the conference and regional meets?" he said. "We will be lacking experience when it comes to the big meets like conference, regional and state.

"Our goals are to win the (Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference) West Division, win the Berrien County Meet, finish in the top three in the conference (meet) and qualify as a team for the state finals."

Lakeshore

The Lancers have been led by a trio of sophomores in their two early-season meets.

Emily Peters has been the frontrunner for the Lancers in two meets, finishing first in the Aug. 25 dual meet (20:49) and third (21:19) in the Niles Stampede on Aug. 21.

Olivia Smith and Abigail Winsman have been right behind Peters so far, with junior Rachel Vroegop not far behind them. Freshman Lanie Brant ran fifth for Lakeshore in the dual meet, but any number of runners could fill that spot as the Lancers do have a good core of seniors.

Cait Obrien, Sophia Ceru, Abbi Obrien and Tori Dixon, all seniors, add some experience to the Lakeshore roster.

Berrien Springs

A handful of key runners are back from last season's team after losing just one to graduation.

The Shamrocks already competed in a "friendly" against South Haven on Aug. 27, where junior Anna Constable crossed first for the Shamrocks in 23:42.

Shamrocks coach Charles Richards named Constable as a key runner, along with seniors McKenzie Geralds, Jezra Reyes and Erin Moore.

Constable, Geralds, Reyes and Moore were each named all-conference runners a season ago.

Sophomore Victoria Wurzel will likely fill out the top-five for the Shamrocks.

Richards said the team has a goal of placing in the top-two in the conference, as well as top-five in the region, but that will require the Shamrocks to finish closer together by the time the season ends.

"The gap from one to five needs to be inside 1:00." he said. "Our top-five runners all have completely different training and racing styles."

Eau Claire

Eau Claire has just two runners on the roster this season in Ericka Lopez and Renee Rudlaff.

Both runners are seniors, and while Rudlaff is a newcomer for the Beavers, Lopez comes with a bit more experience under her belt. She was an all-conference runner last season and is a three-time state qualifier.

Lopez will look to cap off her high school career with a fourth trip to state.

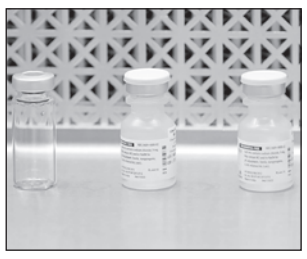
Watervliet

Freshman Morgan Lowell led the Panthers in a triangular meet with Buchanan and St. Joseph on Wednesday.

Other top runners for Watervliet this season are Aria Richards, Abby Lomoro, Megan Trapp, Keyona Klimkiewicz and Kristiaa Swanson.

Health officials worry nation not ready for COVID-19 vaccine

By LIZ SZABO
Kaiser Health News



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Vials used by pharmacists to prepare syringes used on the first day of a first-stage safety study clinical trial of the potential vaccine for COVID-19 in Seattle, on March 16.

Public health departments, which have struggled for months to test and trace everyone exposed to the novel coronavirus, are now being told to prepare to distribute COVID-19 vaccines as early as Nov. 1.

In a four-page memo this summer, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told health departments across the country to draft vaccination plans by Oct. 1 "to coincide with the earliest possible release of COVID-19 vaccine."

But health departments that have been underfunded for decades say they lack the staff, money and tools to educate people about vaccines and then to distribute, administer and track hundreds of millions of doses. Nor do they know when, or if, they'll get federal aid to do that.

"There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to be prepared for this vaccination program and it will not be complete by Nov. 1," said Dr. Kelly Moore, associate director of immunization education at the Immunization Action Coalition, a national vaccine education and advocacy organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. "States will need more financial resources than they have now."

Dozens of doctors, nurses and health officials interviewed by KHN and The Associated Press expressed concern about the country's readiness to conduct mass vaccinations, as well as frustration with months of inconsistent information from the federal government.

The gaps include figuring out how officials will keep track of who has gotten which doses and how they'll keep the workers who give the shots safe, with enough protective gear and syringes to do their jobs.

With only about half of Americans saying they would get vaccinated, according to a poll from AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, it also will be crucial to educate people about the benefits of vaccination, said Molly Howell, who manages the North Dakota Department of Health's immunization program.

The U.S. has committed more than $10 billion to develop new coronavirus vaccines but hasn't allocated money specifically for distributing and administering them. And while local governments received billions in congressional emergency funding, that money is not earmarked for distributing a vaccine.

An ongoing investigation by KHN and the AP has detailed how state and local public health departments across the U.S. have been starved for decades, leaving them underfunded and without adequate resources to confront the coronavirus pandemic. The investigation further found that federal coronavirus funds have been slow to reach public health departments, forcing some communities to cancel essential services.

States are allowed to use some of the federal money they've already received to prepare for immunizations. But AP and KHN found that many health departments are so overwhelmed with the current costs of the pandemic – such as for testing and contact tracing – that they can't reserve money for the vaccine work to come. Health departments will need to hire people to administer the vaccines and systems to track them, and pay for supplies such as protective medical masks, gowns and gloves, as well as warehouses and refrigerator space.

Some federal funds will expire soon. The $150 billion that states and local governments received from a fund in the CARES Act, for example, covers only expenses made through the end of the year, said Gretchen Musicant, health commissioner in Minneapolis. That's a problem, given vaccine distribution may not have even begun.

Although public health officials say they need help, Congress left Washington for its summer recess without passing a new pandemic relief bill that would include additional funding for vaccine distribution.

States can't just use the existing funding sources to attempt the largest vaccination campaign in history, said Moore.

Then there's the basic question of scale. Last winter, the country distributed 175 million vaccines for seasonal influenza vaccine, according to the CDC.

But for the U.S. to reach herd immunity to the coronavirus, most experts say, the nation would likely need to vaccinate roughly 70 percent of Americans, or 200 million people. The first vaccines will require two doses to be effective, or 400 million shots.

Experts expect many public health departments to struggle to adequately track who has been vaccinated and when, because a lack of funding in recent decades has left them in the technological dark ages.

Moore, the medical director of Tennessee's immunization plan during the H1N1 influenza pandemic, said people will need to receive their second COVID-19 dose 21 or 28 days after the first, so health providers will need to remind patients to receive their second shot. They also will need to ensure that the second dose is the same brand as the first.

She expects many states to face major challenges as they try to account for and report on immunizations down to the dose, which the CDC is requiring.

The CDC is developing an app called the Vaccine Administration Monitoring System for health departments whose data systems lag, said Claire Hannan, executive director of the Association of Immunization Managers.

Meanwhile, health departments are dealing with vaccine registries that sometimes date to the late 1980s.

Overwhelmed public health teams are already working long hours to test patients and trace their contacts, a time-consuming process that will need to continue even after vaccines become available. When that happens, health departments will need more staffers for a range of work, including educating the public, monitoring patients and reporting serious side effects.

At an August meeting about vaccine distribution, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of Illinois' health department, said her state will need to recruit additional health professionals to administer the shots, including nursing students, medical students, dentists, dental hygienists and even veterinarians. Such vaccinators will need medical-grade masks, gowns and gloves to keep them safe.

Given that vaccines are far more complex than personal protective equipment and other medical supplies – one vaccine candidate must be stored at minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit – Dr. Marcus Plescia, chief medical officer at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, said people should be prepared for shortages, delays and mix-ups.

"It's probably going to be even worse than the problems with testing and PPE," Plescia said.

OBITUARIES

Alvin Lee 'Squeaky' Dyson

Aug. 14, 1946 – Aug. 12, 2020

Alvin Lee 'Squeaky' Dyson, 73, of Benton Harbor departed this life Aug. 12, 2020, in Milwaukee. A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.

Alvin was born Aug. 14, 1946, in Benton Harbor to Willie Dyson and Nicular Ray. He was educated in the Benton Harbor Area Schools system and enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, football, and he loved skating.

Alvin leaves to cherish his memory children: Robert Dyson of Marquette, Ronald Dyson of Muskegon, Maliza Myers and Robert (Kayana) Myers of Sikeston, Mo., Shanda (Mark) Myers Jones of Grand Rapids; brothers: Tommy King of Saginaw, Harry Johnson of Benton Harbor, Jameel (Mary) Jabbaar and Anthony (Denise) Johnson of Salisbury, Md.; a special aunt, Effie Ray of Hayti, Mo., and special friends: Murlene Reed of Taylor, Mich., Marlon, and Jennifer Taylor of Milwaukee, along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents: Willie Dyson and Nicular Ray; wife, Nancy Dyson; son, Tony Dyson; brothers; Jerome Looney and Nathaniel Johnson.

Norman J. Smith

Jan. 4, 1924 – Aug. 27, 2020

A love that lasted over three-quarters of a century.

Norman J. Smith, 96, beloved husband of Anne L. Smith; father, grandfather and great-grandfather, of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

Norm was born Jan. 4, 1924, in Detroit. He was the son of Irene Smith and adopted by Edward and Mary Sheafer Smith.

He retired from the Saranac Machine Company where he was the chief engineer. After retirement he became a flight instructor at Ross Field, Benton Harbor. He continued to fly and teach until his mid-80s.

Norman and Anne were married in Pocatello, Idaho on May 13, 1943. They would have been married 77 years this May. They spent World War II in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada, where Norman was a weather observer for the U.S. Army Air Corps. They returned to their home in Benton Harbor where they spent many wonderful years with family and friends.

Besides his love of flying he also spent many years in his free time umpiring Little League, Babe Ruth League, and adult league baseball in Benton Harbor. He even umpired behind the plate when Satchel Paige came to town for an exhibition game with our "Majors."

Norman and Anne loved to travel. He and Anne traveled the country and took multiple trips to Europe with family and friends.

Norman is survived by children: Randall Jay (wife, Diana Kay) Smith, Susan Ann (partner, Kathy Wade) Smith; grandchildren: Christopher Jay (wife, Susie) Smith, Colin Todd (wife, Jenn) Smith, Parker Jay (wife, Jalene) Smith, Amy Sue (husband, Tom) Schulte, Stacy Lynn Godfroy; great-grandchildren: Taylor and Carly Smith, Vaeda, Nolan and Fletcher Smith, Annley, Campbell and Laker Smith, Lucy and Stella Schulte, Courtney, Morghan Kramer and Raylan Johnson.

A combined memorial service for Anne and Norman will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at Flanner Buchanan-Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. Viewing will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Father Robert Sims will be presiding. There will also be a U.S. Military Honor ceremony at the end of the service.

A graveside ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery, 4290 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Hospice House, 8414 Franciscan Lane, Indianapolis, IN. Please visit flannerbuchanan.com to sign the online guest register.

David Daryl Robinson

July 4, 1961– July 19, 2020

David Daryl Robinson, 59, of Indianapolis, formerly of Benton Harbor departed this life on July 19, 2020, at home. A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

David was born July 4, 1961, in Benton Harbor to Ernest and Mattie Hunt Robinson. The family home was on Miller Street in the "Little Italy" section of the city where they had resided for nearly 50 years. Just as his older siblings, David attended Henry C. Morton Elementary School, Benton Harbor Junior High School, and would graduate from BHHS with the class of 1980. Go Tigers!

David had always loved learning and truly valued his education. He attended Western Michigan University and also worked at Bibco, Inc. In 2010, he moved to Indianapolis and enrolled at Brown Mackie College while working at Baylor Hospital. He was proud to graduate in 2014, with an associate of science degree in business management.

A movie buff, David was also a sports enthusiast who greatly loved the music of the '80s and smooth jazz. He regularly enjoyed communicating with his friends and loved ones on Facebook and could be quite entertaining.

Left to cherish wonderful memories are sisters: Betty Bowman (Robert, Jr.), Renee Williams, Patricia Robinson, and Kimberly Robinson; sister-in-law, Dora Robinson; special nephew, Tony Jones; along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents: Ernest and Mattie Robinson; brothers: Ernest, Jr. and Nathaniel; sisters: Caroline Jones, Dinah Robinson, and Brenda Taylor.

David was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Death notices

Charles Clark, 77, of Elkhart died Sept. 2, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Alvin Lee "Squeaky" Dyson, 73, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3811.

Harold "Dick" Leitz, 101, of Sodus died Sept. 2, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Teena Penter, 69, of Niles died Sept. 1, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Norman J. Smith, 96, of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, died Aug. 27, 2020. Flanner Buchanan, Indianapolis, 317-475-4475.

R. Scott Trumbull, 71, of St. Joseph died Aug. 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Nathaniel "Nate" Wigfall, 58, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 20, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3811.

R. Scott Trumbull

Sept. 24, 1948– Aug. 29, 2020

R. Scott Trumbull died peacefully surrounded by his family following his five-year battle with Mesothelioma on Aug. 29, 2020, in his St. Joseph home, looking out on a beautiful Lake Michigan sunset. He was 71 years old.

He was grateful for the support of his family and friends and thankful for the treatment he received from Memorial Sloan Kettering, the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, ProMedica, and Start Midwest, which helped to prolong his life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Scott was born in Toledo on Sept. 24, 1948, to Richard Eugene Trumbull and Marian Davis Trumbull. He grew up in Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo. He attended Center High School in Kansas City and Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he was a standout student and athlete. He earned an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, which he used to get an MBA from Harvard Business School. He started his career at Owens-Illinois, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, in 1972, rising through the ranks to become chief financial officer. In 2002 he became chairman and chief executive officer of Franklin Electric in Bluffton, Ind. He led Franklin Electric for 12 years, greatly expanding the company and moving its headquarters to Fort Wayne, Ind. He served on many corporate boards, including Schneider National, Welltower, Artisan Partners, and Columbus McKinnon, as well as the Toledo Museum of Art, ProMedica, and Denison University, where he was named a Life Trustee.

In his career, he always acted with integrity and intelligence. In his family life, he was loving and patient. In all things, he was kind, respectful, and fiercely competitive. He was a lifelong runner and avid golfer. For 47 years, he was an amazing husband to Margaret Upton Trumbull, raising three children, and joining in her passion for glass art and birding.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marian, and father, Richard.

He is survived by his wife, Margy; his sons: Matthew Upton Trumbull, Benjamin Davis Trumbull, and William Fredrick Trumbull; daughters-in-law: Heather, Katherine, and Dana; grandchildren: Andrea Beryl, Jaye Marian, Brynnan Brand, Katherine Scott, Upton Davis, Taggart Eberle, Bubba Eugene, and Beau William; as well as his brother, Mark Davis Trumbull, and sister, Susan Trumbull Magnuson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service plans to be shared at a later date. In place of flowers, please make a donation to the Toledo Museum of Art, Denison University, the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, or Good Grief of Northwest Ohio.

Nathaniel 'Nate' Wigfall

Oct. 5, 1961– Aug. 20, 2020

Nathaniel 'Nate' Wigfall, 58, of Benton Harbor departed this life Aug. 20, 2020, to be with the Lord and his heavenly family.

Nathaniel was born Oct. 5, 1956, in Benton Harbor to the late Lonnie and Geraldine Wigfall.

He attended Benton Harbor Area Schools and worked several jobs, but he had a passion for washing cars, making people laugh, and helping others. Nathaniel confessed his faith at New Paradise under the leadership of the Rev. Willie T. Burton, and later Bishop James Atteberry.

Nathaniel was known for his kindness and passion for life, and his jokes, "but most of all fishing." Nathaniel had a wonderful sense of humor. Nathaniel would always ask you: "Has anyone told you they loved you today? Well, I do!"

Nathaniel leaves to cherish his everlasting love his wife, Tina Wigfall, of Benton Harbor; sisters: Martha (Fred) Wigfall Sanders, Dinicea (CO-RD) Wigfall, Cassandra Wigfall, and April Wigfall, all of Benton Harbor; brothers: Jonnie Lee Wigfall, Jerry Matlock and Victor Wigfall, all of Benton Harbor, and Terry Matlock of Detroit; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Nathaniel was preceded in death by his parents: Lonnie and Geraldine Wigfall; two sisters: Darlene Brown and Yvonne Wigfall, and one brother, Lonnie Wigfall Jr.

Betty Russell David Russell

A graveside service for burial of ashes for Betty "Beezie" Russell, who passed away Oct. 14, 2017, and David Russell, who passed away April 26, 2018, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Keeler Cemetery in Keeler Township.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma.

Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The years slipped away Saturday afternoon as people gathered at St. Patrick's County Park to celebrate a different time and a different way of life. The occasion was the annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Powwow sponsored by the Potawatomi Indians. The powwow is held each year over the Labor Day weekend as an annual renewal of an ancient Native American get-together. Two hundred or more years ago, members of the Pokagon Band gathered near the site of the present day powwow on the banks of the St. Joseph River to celebrate the end of the huckleberry picking season before going off to their winter homes. Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa literally means "we quit picking."

1985 – 35 years ago

Since 1939, Charles Sage has been serving hamburgers and cheeseburgers – that's all you can get – in a converted streetcar decorated with pictures of Big Band stars from the 1940s and '50s. It's known as the Hotel De Hamburger. Sage and his wife, Joyce, recently passed the diner on to their son, Frank, continuing a family tradition that started in 1900, when Sage's father, Frank, opened up a hamburger stand across the street from the old Dyckman House Hotel. Sage said his father moved the stand a block down Michigan Avenue into a permanent building on the restaurant's current site about 1910, then purchased a used Kalamazoo streetcar, which has housed the Hotel De Hamburger since 1933.

1970 – 50 years ago

Salty Quackers! That's the name of the duck that came to live at the Stephen E. Upton home in St. Joseph. The duck came at Easter time and stayed to captivate the whole family. Salty belongs to Liz Upton, who will be a sixth-grader this year at Brown School. The duck was purchased at Pletz's Poultry farm for 50 cents and was kept in a cage in Liz's room until it was old enough to live outdoors. Liz took her responsibility seriously and vacuumed around the cage everyday before she went to school. The idea for a duck came after the death of Liz's seahorses because her friend Kip Brooks' duck had worked out well.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Sept. 3, the 247th day of 2020. There are 119 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 3, 2005, President George W. Bush ordered more than 7,000 active duty forces to the Gulf Coast as his administration intensified efforts to rescue Katrina survivors and send aid to the hurricane-ravaged region in the face of criticism it did not act quickly enough.

On this date:

In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson and his crew aboard the Half Moon entered present-day New York Harbor and began sailing up the river that now bears his name. (They reached present-day Albany before turning back.)

In 1976, America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the red planet's surface.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Few Showers
82°	60°	76° / 61°	77° / 59°	79° / 60°	73° / 57°

Local Outlook

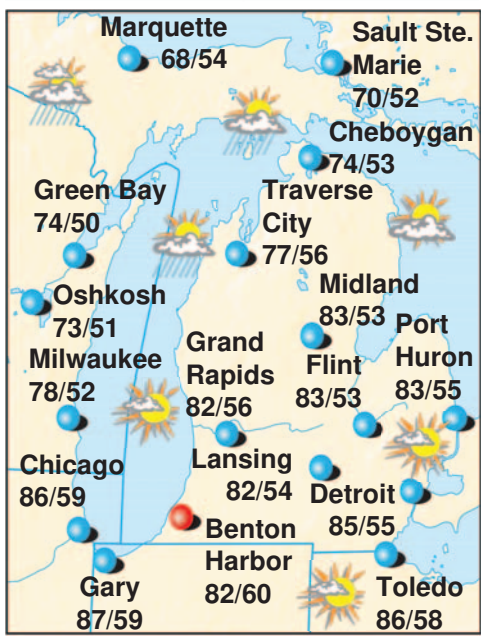
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 57%. Southwest wind 10 to 19 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 60°. Northwest wind 12 to 17 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high of 76°, humidity of 43%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:13 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:15 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:21 p.m.
Moonset ..... 8:23 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
9/10	9/17	9/23	10/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	83°
Low	64°
Normal High	79°
Normal Low	58°
Record High	95° in 2011
Record Low	44° in 2017

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.45"
Normal for month	0.28"
Year to date	26.27"
Normal Year to date	25.82"

Air Quality

Yesterday 45
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

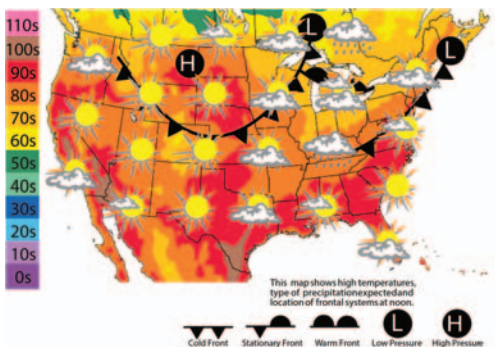
Weather Trivia

How high can hailstone accumulation be?

Answer: Drifts have reached depths of up to six feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 3, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 11 to 20 kt, with gusts as high as 28 kt. Increasing clouds. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 75 degrees. Tonight, NW wind around 15 kt. Mostly clear.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. Southwest wind 9 to 22 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 60s and 70s. West wind 13 to 18 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 10 to 19 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 70s. West northwest wind 10 to 14 mph.

HEROES

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"Millions of families were divided. People were helpless," he said. "This war needed to be won. And the price to win the war was very, very high. ... It is our duty to draw on the lessons of the past. You helped us restore our independence, our freedom, our dignity. And for that we are grateful."

Bouma was born in Watervliet and stationed in France between July and November 1944.

During that time, he delivered truckloads of supplies to hospitals in the 144th Quartermaster Truck Company during the Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. He even returned to France in 2006 and 2008 and spoke to schoolchildren about his wartime experiences.

Kronbetter was born in Kansas, but grew up in Berrien Springs after his family moved to Southwest Michigan.

While he technically didn't set foot in France, Kronbetter served as a gunner during 32 missions for the Army Air Corps in which his plane dropped bombs on Nazi-occupied territory during the Northern France, Rhineland and European campaigns.

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World War II veteran Willis Bouma holds the French Legion of Honor on Wednesday.

"Both of you are welcome to (visit) France," Lacroix said. "You are our liberators."

The ceremony was hosted by the Algonquin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The ceremony was made possible after an Algonquin member learned about the medals and worked with the French Consulate for two years.

A cadre of speakers took turns at the podium at the front of the bandshell to shower praise on the two members of the Greatest Generation.

Among them was Larry Wozniak, president of Lest We Forget, who said Bouma and Kronbetter are highlighted in some of the organization's books that detail the service of local veterans.

"Both of these gentlemen are still very active in their communities and are very aware of what's going on," Wozniak said. "Both are very well deserving of this honor."

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She said she has traveled to Michigan twice since the death occurred, and that she does not believe her brother killed his wife.

"I do not believe it," Melissa Halstead said. "JR (her brother) worshipped the ground she walked on and Kim worshipped the ground he walked on."

Instead, Melissa Halstead thinks Kimberly Halstead's death may be the result of a botched robbery.

Melissa said her brother has told her that he wasn't home that day. "He was at a friend's house working on a couple of vehicles," Melissa said. "He hadn't heard from his wife in awhile so he went to check on her and she was dead."

Melissa Halstead said her brother told her that when he arrived back home, the couple's dog had been locked in a room and that the house looked like it had been ransacked. There was also blood "everywhere."

"I think it's a robbery with all my heart. ... There's a lot of stuff not adding up," Melissa Halstead maintains.

Friends of Kimberly Halstead expressed sadness over her death, and also paint a different picture.

"We went to school together," said Julie Lash, who lives near Muncie. "She was a very sweet girl. ... I'm not 100 percent sure how long they were married, but I'm pretty sure they were married for over 10 years – possibly longer. But he never worked, but she worked her butt off to support them."

A cousin of Kimberly Halstead also says that Randy Halstead did not work.

"I was told they moved to Michigan to hide out," said Amanda Manae Mansfield of Muncie. "Not sure if it was because of hiding out over legal stuff or because of people he may of done wrong, and fear of harm."

Mansfield continued: "They fought all the time. ... She always held a job and with inheritance money she took care of him. He never had to work. She would give him any and everything to keep him. ... She was obsessed with him."

Criminal record

A check of online court records shows that Randy Halstead has a long criminal record, starting in 2004, in Madison County, Ind., where Muncie is located.

Over the years he has been found guilty for several instances of driving with a suspended license, check deception, receiving stolen property, conversion of property, possession of marijuana, violating home detention, habitual offender, and resisting law enforcement.

In 2017 he was charged in Muncie City Court for battery resulting in bodily injury and possession of marijuana. A number of court hearings were postponed, including one scheduled for Aug. 27, 2018. Three days before the hearing, Randy Halstead called the court and asked if the hearing could be rescheduled due to him moving out of state.

After he failed to appear for a pre-trial conference scheduled for Oct. 29, 2018, the court ordered a bench warrant for his arrest. According to the online court records, the charges against Halstead for battery resulting in bodily injury and possession of marijuana are still pending.

MENTAL HEALTH

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"Helpline counselors have reported callers expressing feelings of isolation and interpersonal concerns related to physical distancing such as being cut off from social supports," said Hannah Collins, a spokeswoman for Vibrant Emotional Health, a group that runs the helpline.

While not all calls are COVID-19-related, many people have sought help for anxiety and fear about getting the virus, distress over being diagnosed, or anguish over the illness or death of a loved one, she said.

The BU study involved a survey of 1,440 U.S. adults questioned about depression symptoms in early April. Symptoms were most common in young adults, low-income participants and in those who reported several outbreak-related troubles, including financial problems, lost jobs or COVID-19 deaths of relatives. Almost 1,000 participants had experienced at least of three such struggles.

The study results echo research from China early in the outbreak, and studies done during the Ebola and SARS crises and after major hurricanes and 9/11, said lead author Dr. Sandro Galea, a BU public health expert.

The survey was done before the U.S. spike in civil unrest, including the May 24 death of George Floyd, who authorities say was killed when a Minneapolis police officer pressed a knee on his neck for several minutes. But Galea said that other studies have shown increases in depression symptoms after traumatic events and that it is likely the unrest has contributed to American angst.

At Cityscape Counseling in Chicago, the new client caseload jumped from 95 to 148 over the past two months, said executive director Chelsea Hudson. The group's 17 therapists see about 500 clients a week, and Hudson said she has hired two more therapists to deal with the increased demand.

"We see a lot of single young professionals. I think it's been especially tough on them. The isolation, lack of connection, often enhances depression," she said.

Hudson said many clients are distressed about social justice issues. With more free time, she said, they are paying more attention to the news, and Chicago has been hit by vandalism and protests over killings by police.

Wendy Zirbel of Dodge County, Wisconsin, said she developed anxiety and depression after testing positive for the virus in June. She said that was partly from getting sick – she still has breathing and memory troubles – and partly from her husband's reaction.

"He thought COVID was a joke and that it's all Democrats trying to get Trump out of office," she said. "It still hurts."

Zirbel, 45, said she spent days in tears, and her doctor prescribed an antidepressant.

The first therapist she called had a waiting list. She is hoping sessions with the one she found will help.

"I need someone to help me get the tools to cope," she said.

WHITMER

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U.S. after being one of the hardest-hit states early in the pandemic.

Over the past two weeks, the state's 104.2 new cases per 100,000 people ranks 15th-lowest, according to Johns Hopkins University.

"We have to get this right," Whitmer said at a news conference. "We take this very seriously. The decisions that I will make in the coming days and announce are made in a way that will be protecting athletes and families and coaches and parents and patrons – our small business owners as well. People's lives are at stake. COVID is still a very real threat all across our state."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently postponed the football season until the spring. Three other fall sports – soccer, volleyball, and swimming and diving – are in limbo outside of less-populated northern counties because of an order closing indoor gyms and pools and requiring athletes to stay 6 feet apart.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, a Republican, criticized Whitmer for not yet letting all businesses reopen, saying he is particularly "befuddled" that cinemas are still closed.

"I don't believe there are any businesses in Michigan that should remain closed," he told The Associated Press. "I believe that we've learned a lot since this insidious virus hit our shores, and no business owner wants to put their employees, their customers or their families at risk."

He said there is a "dearth of trust" in the business community, and "we should let them do what they need to do and prove that they know how to react and take care of" people.

Also Wednesday, Huntington Bankshares joined Whitmer to announce a $5 billion, five-year lending, investment and philanthropic commitment in Michigan. Sandy Pierce, a senior executive vice president at the company, said it will place a special emphasis on lending to businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans. Another focus is expanding homeownership for minorities and low- to moderate-income borrowers.

The state health department also announced that more than 20 additional free COVID-19 testing sites will open in coming weeks. Spots were chosen in part to help address the virus' disproportionate impact on racial and ethnic minorities.

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan's chief medical executive, said the overall case rate – 59 per 1 million residents per day – is lower than a week ago. The Detroit region has the highest rate, followed by – in descending order – the Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Traverse City, Upper Peninsula, Jackson and Lansing regions.

Khaldun said she expects the state will be able to publicly post the names of schools with outbreaks within the next two weeks. Many schools have already opened, with the rest starting next week.

Earlier Wednesday, Whitmer met with Dr. Deborah Birx, the coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force. Birx was "very impressed" with Michigan's handling of the outbreak, said Whitmer. She said she reiterated to Birx the need for a national mask mandate and expressed concern that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had posted new guidance saying it is not necessary for people in close contact infected people, but who do not feel sick, to get tested.

Birx told reporters outside a Livonia hospital that residents should be cautious over the Labor Day weekend.

"Please, wear your mask," she said. "When I say socially distance, it means at all times, including with family members that you may not have seen for a few weeks, including with the neighbors down the street. It is really important because we are seeing that crowded neighborhood events, including backyard barbecues, are currently one of the primary spreaders of virus."